



# ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Lisa D. Jones  
Executive Director  
State Historic Preservation Officer

April 11, 2018

City of Alabaster  
Karen Fillingim  
1953 Municipal Way  
Alabaster, AL 35007

**RE: Buck Creek Water Tower & Jail, 1953 Municipal Way, Shelby County, Alabama**  
**Listed Date: March 29, 2018**

Dear Ms. Fillingim:

It is my pleasure to present to you the certificate for the above referenced property in honor of its listing in the Alabama Register of Landmarks & Heritage.

Thank you for your dedication to preserving Alabama's historic resources.

Best Regards,

Hannah Garmon  
Coordinator, Alabama Register of Landmarks & Heritage  
(334)230-2644  
Hannah.Garmon@ahc.alabama.gov

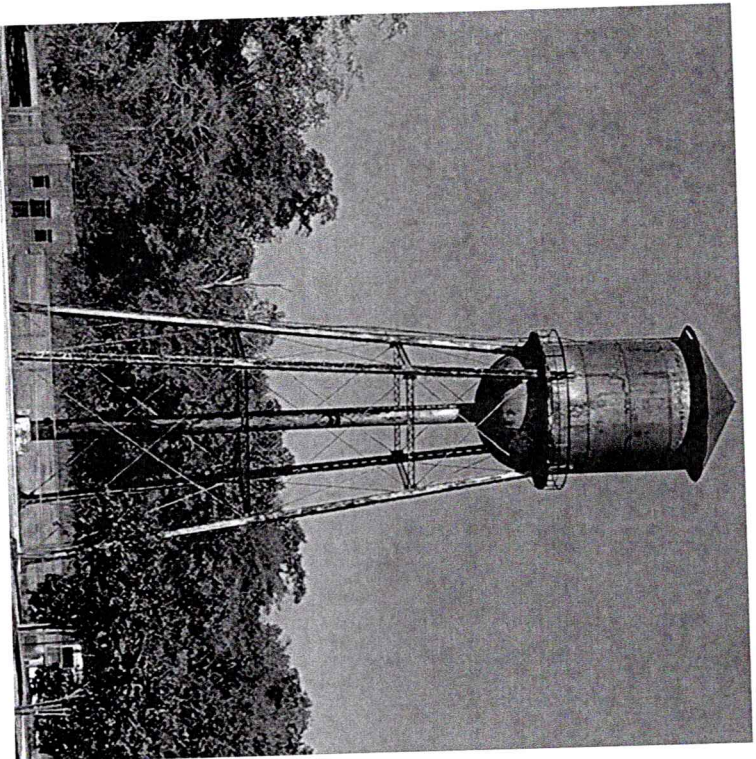
Enclosure

# ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS AND HERITAGE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

**BUCK CREEK JAIL & WATER TOWER**

LOCATED IN SHELBY COUNTY WAS LISTED ON  
**MARCH 29, 2018**



ALABAMA  
HISTORICAL  
COMMISSION  
THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

*Kay Ivey*  
GOVERNOR OF ALABAMA  
*John D. Jones*  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION



DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST  
ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Building name: Buck Creek Sail + Water Tower

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Application: ☐ HRTC ☒ AR ☐ Section 106 ☐ NR ☐ Ad Valorem

For HRTC and Section 106:

- ☐ Individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)  
☐ Located in existing National Register (NR) historic district  
    ☐ Contributing resource ☐ Non-contributing resource  
☐ Individually eligible  
☐ Contributing resource in potential NR historic district  
☒ Not eligible for NRHP

Criteria for Evaluation:

☒ A Events/History ☐ B Persons ☒ C Architecture ☐ D Archaeology

Aspects of Integrity:

☒ Location ☒ Workmanship  
☒ Design ☒ Feeling  
☒ Setting ☒ Association  
☒ Materials ☒ Intact strata

Application:

☒ Sufficient physical description ☒ Sufficient description of past use/land disturbance  
☒ Sufficient history  
☒ Sufficient argument for meeting NRHP/ARLH criteria

Decision:

☐ Additional information is required to make a determination:  
☒ This property is eligible for the NRHP/ARLH:  
☐ This property is not eligible for the NRHP/ARLH because:

# ALABAMA REGISTER REVIEW BOARD MEETING

March 29, 2018

10:00 am

## AGENDA

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### CALL TO ORDER

### NOMINATIONS

#### **Oxford Historic District**

Oxford, Calhoun County

POS 1875-1978

Criteria A: Commerce

Criteria C: Architecture

19 contributing; 7 non-contributing

#### **Alpine Baptist Church**

Alpine, Talladega County

1871

Criteria A: Religion

Criteria C: Architecture

3 contributing; 0 non-contributing

#### **Camp Fletcher**

McCalla, Jefferson County

1926

Criteria A: Ethnic Heritage

Criteria B: Pauline Fletcher

Criteria C: Architecture

9 contributing; 9 non-contributing

#### **Fort McDermott**

Spanish Fort, Baldwin County

1864

Criteria A: Military History

Criteria D: Archeology

1 contributing; 0 non-contributing

#### **Elba Theatre**

Elba, Coffee County

1933; 1946; & 1953

Criteria A: Social History; Theater

1 contributing; 0 non-contributing

#### **Reeves Grove Baptist Church & Cemetery**

Steele, St. Clair County

1872

Criteria A: Religion; Funerary Art

Criteria C: Architecture

2 contributing; 0 non-contributing

#### **Hardy Homeplace**

West Greene, Greene County

1886

Criteria A: Agriculture

Criteria C: Architecture

3 contributing; 0 non-contributing



# AHC Staff Alabama Register Checklist

Date Received: 08-2017

Building name: Buck Creek mill water Tower + Jail

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

County: Shelby

## **Application Contains:**

- ☒ Property information
- ☒ Floor plan & Site plan
- ☒ Physical description
- ☒ History
- ☒ Bibliography and geographical data
- ☒ Photographs

**Category:** ☒ Building ☐ District ☒ Structure ☐ Site ☐ Object

**Date of Construction:** WT 1896 Jail 1916

**Alteration Date:** WT 1906, 1911

**Significance:** ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

## **AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:**

<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
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<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> funerary art	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Comments:

WT - need history of site - why was it built, how was it used.  
Jail - need Floor Plan, recent interior pictures history of site  
(need actual pictures or digital pictures)

AHC Reviewer: Mannah Holman Date: 09-14-17

Dear Hannah Garmon,

Thank you for the opportunity to supplement the information for our nomination of the Buck Creek Mill's Water Tower and Jail to the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage. I have attempted to answer the required additional information, outlined below, to the best of my ability.

1. What did a typical day at the Mill would look like?
2. What was life like for people working there?
3. When was the water tower placed into service?
4. Explain further 1896 on form, but mill started in 1904?
5. Was water tower used previously, if so, what for?
6. What alterations were made to the water tower in 1906 and 1911?
7. What years was the jail used?
8. Was it only for people living and working in the mill village?
9. Please submit current interior and exterior pics of water tower and jail.

Hopefully, the following meets expectations. If not, please let me know. I am happy to try again.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Fillingim." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karen Fillingim



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Lisa D. Jones  
Executive Director  
State Historic Preservation Officer

September 14, 2017

Ms. Karen Fillinglin  
1953 Municipal Way  
Alabaster, AL 35007

Dear Ms. Fillinglin,

Thank you for your interest in nominating the Buck Creek Mill's Water Tower and Jail, in Alabaster, Shelby County to the Alabama Register of Landmarks & Heritage. After initial review of the nomination, we require some additional information, as outlined below:

## **Section 5. Floor & Site Plan**

We require a floor plan of the jail and a current site plan.

## **Section 7. Significance**

We appreciate the great detail you have already provided for the water tower and jail's significance. I would just like to know if you can provide information about what a typical day at the Mill would have been like? What was life like for the people working and living there? When was the water tower placed into service? It says 1896 on the form, but the mill was not started until 1904. Was the water tower used previously, and if so, what for? What alterations were made to the water tower in 1906 and 1911? What years was the jail used? What crimes needed to be committed to be placed in the jail? Was it only for the people living and working in the mill village? These are a few questions that I have regarding the history of the site. You included Bobby Joe Seales article about the Mill, but it only briefly talked about the jail, could you please provide more details about the history of the water tower and jail?

## **Section 11. Photographs**

Please submit current interior and exterior pictures of both the jail and water tower on a CD/DVD, external drive, or printed copies to our office.

We look forward to receiving your information. The deadline for submission for the November 2017 meeting is October 26, 2017. If you have any questions about the Alabama Register, please feel free to contact me at 334.230.2644 or [Hannah.Garmon@ahc.alabama.gov](mailto:Hannah.Garmon@ahc.alabama.gov).

With warm regards,

Hannah Garmon  
Coordinator, Alabama Register of Landmarks & Heritage



## ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS & HERITAGE NOMINATION FORM

### 1. NAME OF PROPERTY

Historic Name: Buck Creek Cotton Mill - "Jail"  
and/or Common Name: Alabaster City Hall

Preferred name for Certificate: ☒ Historic Name or ☐ Common Name

### 2. LOCATION

Street & Number: 1953 Municipal Way  
City: Alabaster  
State: Alabama County: Shelby Zip: 35007  
Is the property located within the city limits? ☒ Yes ☐ No  
Latitude: 33.2442813 Longitude: 86.8163773  
Township: 21S Range: 03W Section: 2 USGS Quad Map: ✓

### 3. CLASSIFICATION

Category: ☒ Building(s) ☐ District ☐ Structure ☐ Site ☐ Object  
Ownership: ☒ Public ☐ Private ☐ Both  
Status: ☐ Occupied ☒ Unoccupied ☐ Work in progress  
Accessible: ☐ No ☒ Yes; restricted ☐ Yes; unrestricted  
behind fence

### 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

Name: City of Alabaster  
Address: 1953 Municipal Way  
City: Alabaster State: AL Zip: 35007  
Telephone: 205-664-6800  
Email: kfillingim@cityofalabaster.com

### 5. FLOOR PLAN & SITE PLAN

Attach sketched floor plan. If the property includes more than one building, submit a site plan showing the locations, dates of construction, and uses of the buildings.



## 6. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION See Instructions for more information.

Construction date:	1916	Source:	Bobby Joe Sealer
Alteration date:		Source:	survey drawings
Architect/Builder:	Early 1900's - no record	Contractor:	no record
Physical condition: (Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor, Ruinous)	Good	Remaining historic fabric: (High, Medium, Low)	high
No. of stories:	0		
Historic use of property:	Cotton mill		
Current use of property:	City of Alabaster Municipal Buildings.		
Architectural style category:	no style	Architectural style sub-category:	other
Basic typology:	Entramed Block	Basic shape:	Square
Basic floor plan:	2 room	Historic Construction material(s):	Brick, concrete
Current exterior wall material(s):	Brick	Roof finish material(s):	concrete
Main roof configuration:	Flat	Foundation material:	poured concrete
Porch type:			
Window type and materials:	open, fixed, metal		
Describe alterations:	n/a		
Number and type of all outbuildings on the property: Buck Creek Cotton Mill "Water-Tower" (if significant, fill out separate survey form)			
Exterior Architectural Description: Basic Flat Roof Brick Building. The front facade has a single entrance and 2 fixed open windows w/ metal bars. The exterior has 2 small fixed, open windows with metal bars.			
Description of Setting: The pil sits beside the 100+ year old water tower, enclosed behind a chain link fence, and behind the parking lot of the municipal government buildings.			

## 7. SIGNIFICANCE

Criteria (check all that apply and explain below). See Instructions for more information.

☒ **Criterion A:** Associated with historical events and activities relating to the property that are important to the history of the community, state, or nation.

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### AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (check all that apply and explain below)

☐ archeology-prehistoric  
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☐ conservation  
☒ education  
☐ engineering  
☐ exploration/settlement  
☐ funerary art  
☐ humanitarian

☒ industry  
☐ landscape architecture  
☐ law  
☐ literature  
☐ military  
☐ music  
☐ politics/government

☐ religion  
☐ scientific  
☐ sculpture  
☐ social history  
☐ theater  
☐ other: \_\_\_\_\_

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

For each area of significance checked above, explain why this property is important. Use additional sheets as necessary.

*\* Attached sheet.*

## 8. BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Use attached sheets as necessary

1936 Appraisal Survey of Buck Creek Cotton Mill.

## 9. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Acreage of nominated property: 5900 square feet of enclosed area

Attach a map showing the location of the property.

## 10. Person Applying for Historic Register Designation

Name: Karen Fillingim  
Address: 1953 Municipal Way  
City: Alabaster State: AL Zip: 35007  
Telephone: 205-664-6831  
Email: KFillingim@cityofalabaster.com

## 11. PHOTOGRAPHS:

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## 12. REMINDER:

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Alabama Historical Commission  
Attn: Hannah Garmon  
468 S. Perry Street  
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## **Statement of Significance**

The State of Alabama's history is proudly rooted in industrial development. The water tower and jail are the last two remaining remnants from a bygone era marking the rich history of the Siluria Mill Village, the self-contained community which laid the groundwork for the Alabaster we know and love today. The City of Alabaster considers both to be a symbolic reminder of where we've come from as a city. Currently, they lack the look of honor and distinction they deserve. We would like to change that. Marking our historical relics go hand and hand with the AL200 Bi-Centennial Celebration. The overall intention of our bi-centennial project is to enhance the unique characteristics standing at the heart of our community while offering a pedestrian friendly design which accommodates impromptu uses, as well as encourages education as the relics are highlighted with historical markers. The expected outcome is to instill in our melting pot community a greater sense of appreciation regarding our City's foundation and how we grew from there to be Shelby County's largest city. It is our honor to protect the rich history handed down to us while preserving them for future generations to enjoy. Today, this space houses municipal buildings and holds diverse community events, such as Fall Fest, Jazz in the Park, and the Farmers Market. The project's impact on the local community should be significant. It will give the opportunity to motivate residents to get outside and enjoy its "walking history" along an aesthetically pleasing shoot off the Buck Creek Trail. Although the indelible mark left by visually improving our landmarks cannot be quantified, it can be measured by the pride reflected in our residents and appreciation in protecting our local history.





- \* Floor Plan for Jail.
- \* Picture taken early 2000's.

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Shelby County, Alabama

1953 MUNICIPAL WAY AL, X

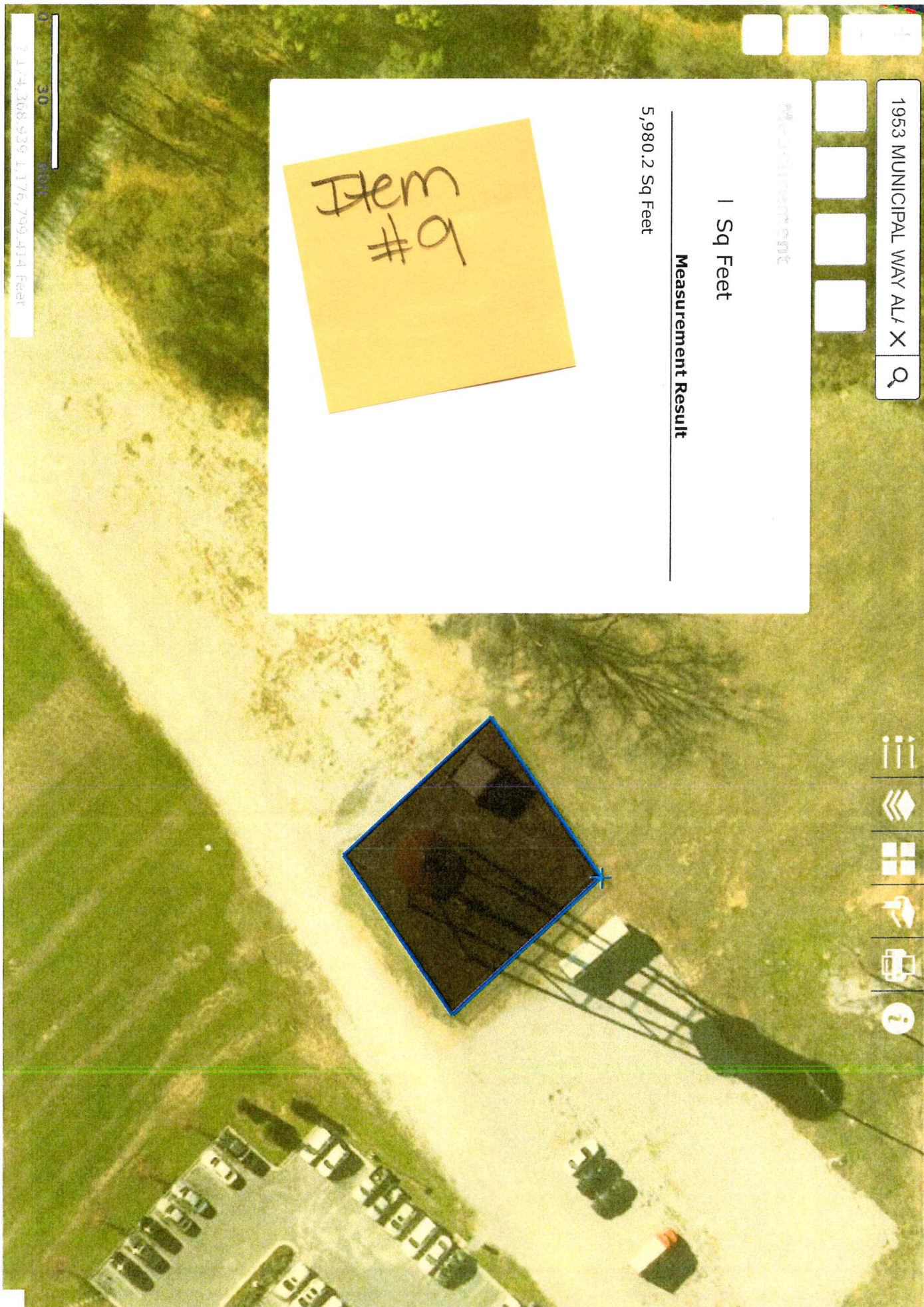
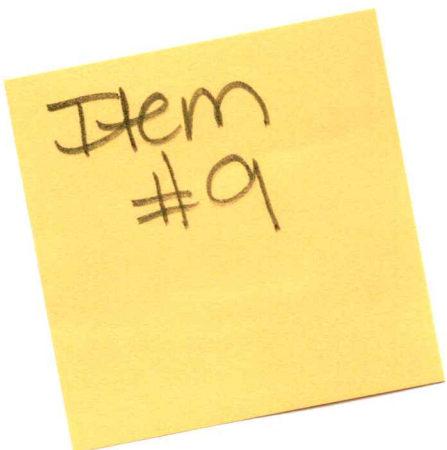


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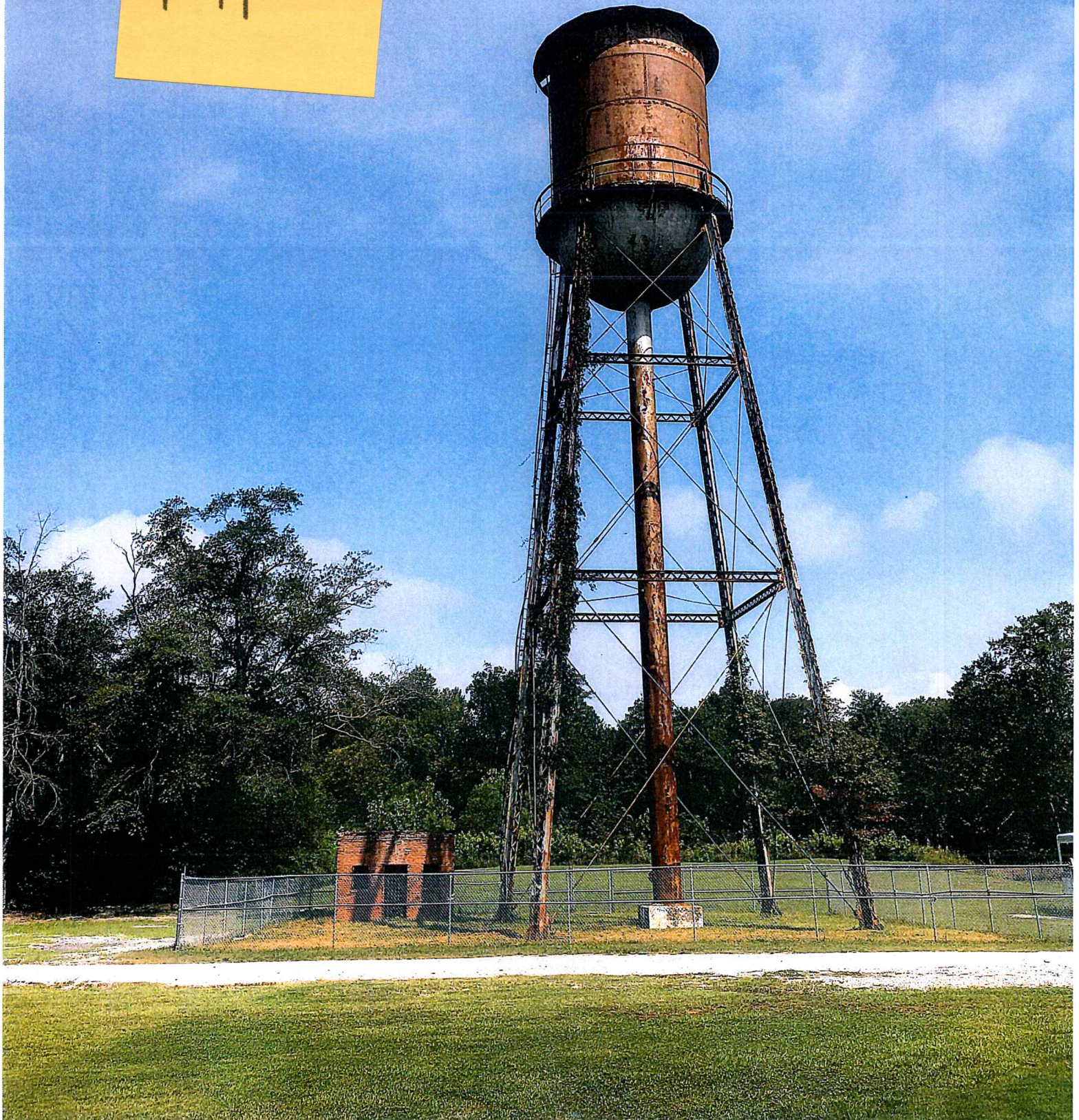
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and/or Common Name: Alabaster City Hall

Preferred name for Certificate: ☒ Historic Name or ☐ Common Name

### 2. LOCATION

Street & Number: 1953 Municipal Way

City: Alabaster

State: Alabama

County: Shelby

Zip: 35007

Is the property located within the city limits? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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USGS Quad Map: ✓

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☐ Private

☐ Both

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☒ Unoccupied

☐ Work in progress

Accessible:

☐ No

☒ Yes: restricted

☐ Yes: unrestricted

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Construction date:	1896	Source:	Bobby Joe Seales.
Alteration date:	Additions 1906, 1911	Source:	Survey drawings
Architect/Builder:	Pre 1900's no record	Contractor:	no record
Physical condition: (Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor, Ruinous)	Excellent	Remaining historic fabric: (High, Medium, Low)	High
No. of stories:	2		
Historic use of property:	Cotton mill		
Current use of property:	City of Ababaster municipal buildings		
Architectural style category:	other-No style	Architectural style sub-category:	other
Basic typology:	Water tower	Basic shape:	
Basic floor plan:	—	Historic Construction material(s):	Steel
Current exterior wall material(s):	—	Roof finish material(s):	
Main roof configuration:	—	Foundation material:	concrete
Porch type:	—		
Window type and materials:	—		
Describe alterations:	—		

Number and type of all outbuildings on the property: (if significant, fill out separate survey form) **Buck Creek Cotton mill "Jail"**

Exterior Architectural Description:

100+ year old water tower.

Description of Setting:

The Buck Creek Mill's water tower stands erect behind the parking lot of the municipal government buildings, next to the Buck Creek Cotton Mill Jail. Both are enclosed by a chain link fence.

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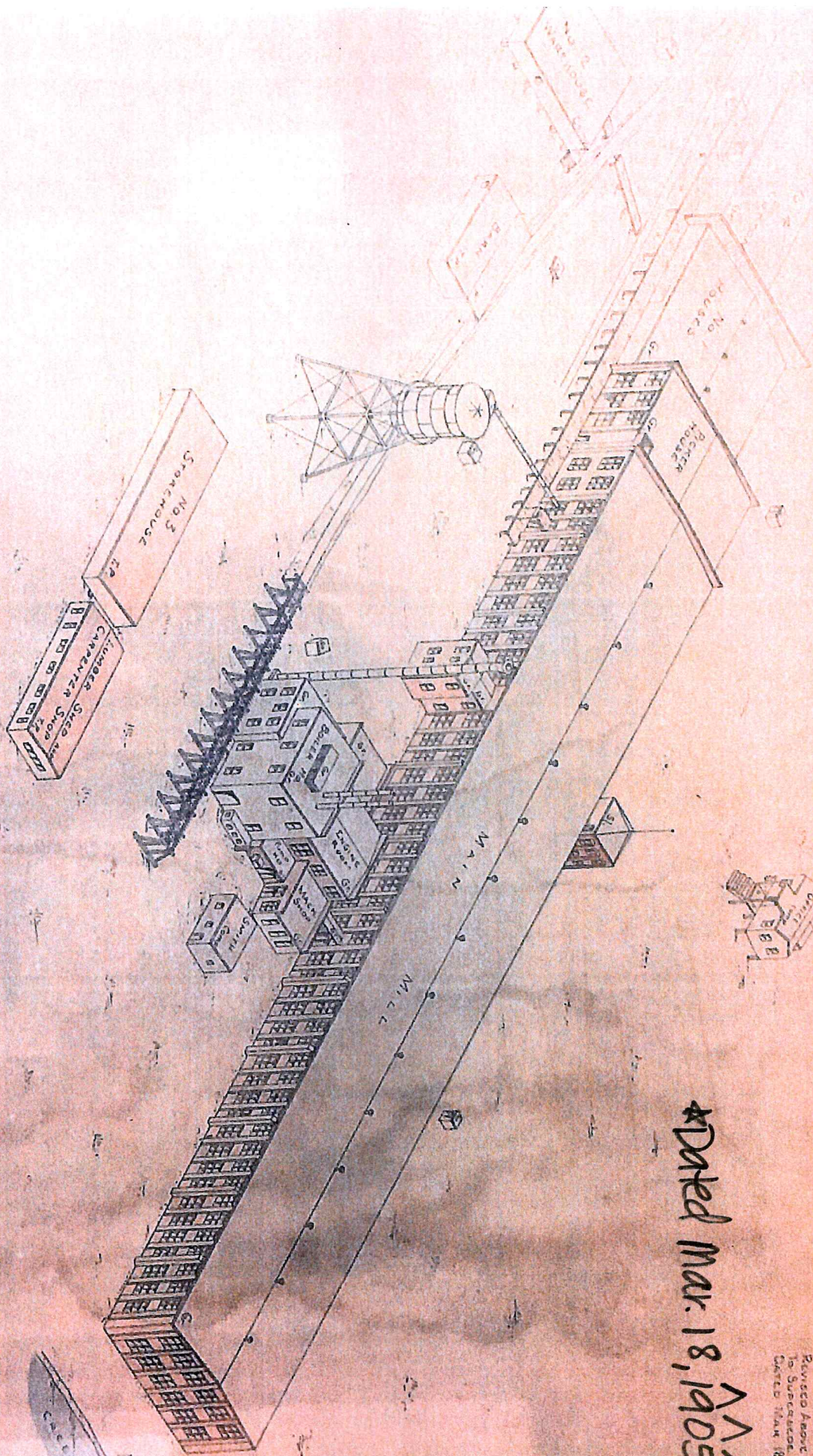
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 TO SUPERSEDE PLAN  
 DATED MAY 16, 1945

Dated Mar. 18, 1945



**NOTE.**  
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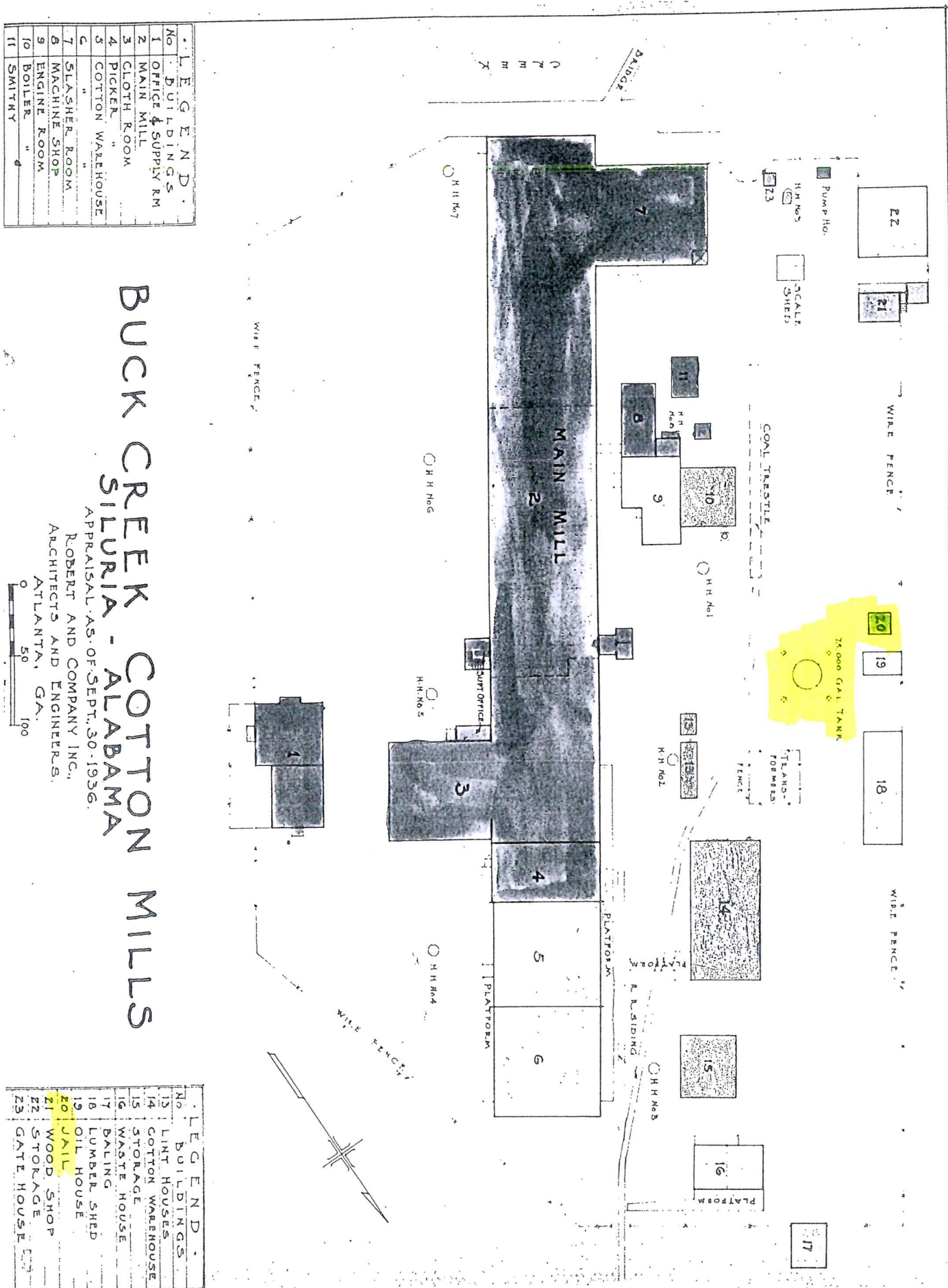
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 AND OPEN JOISTED CONSTRUCTION.  
 COTTON  
 SHEETINGS AND YARNS.  
 ELECTRICITY  
 STEAM, PIPES OVERHEAD  
 COAL  
 FUEL

Surveyed by G. J. Robinson  
 Drawn by R. W. Jones



The only original structures  
still standing on the property.

AAA



LEGEND	
No.	Buildings
1	OFFICE & SUPPLY RM
2	MAIN MILL
3	CLOTH ROOM
4	PICKER
5	COTTON WAREHOUSE
6	SLASHER ROOM
7	MACHINE SHOP
8	ENGINE ROOM
9	BOILER
10	SMITTY

# BUCK CREEK COTTON MILLS SILURIA - ALABAMA

APPRAISAL AS OF SEPT. 30-1936.

ROBERT AND COMPANY INC.,  
ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS,  
ATLANTA, GA.

LEGEND	
No.	Buildings
13	LINT HOUSES
14	COTTON WAREHOUSE
15	STORAGE
16	WASTE HOUSE
17	BALING
18	LUMBER SHED
19	OIL HOUSE
20	JAIL
21	WOOD SHOP
22	STORAGE
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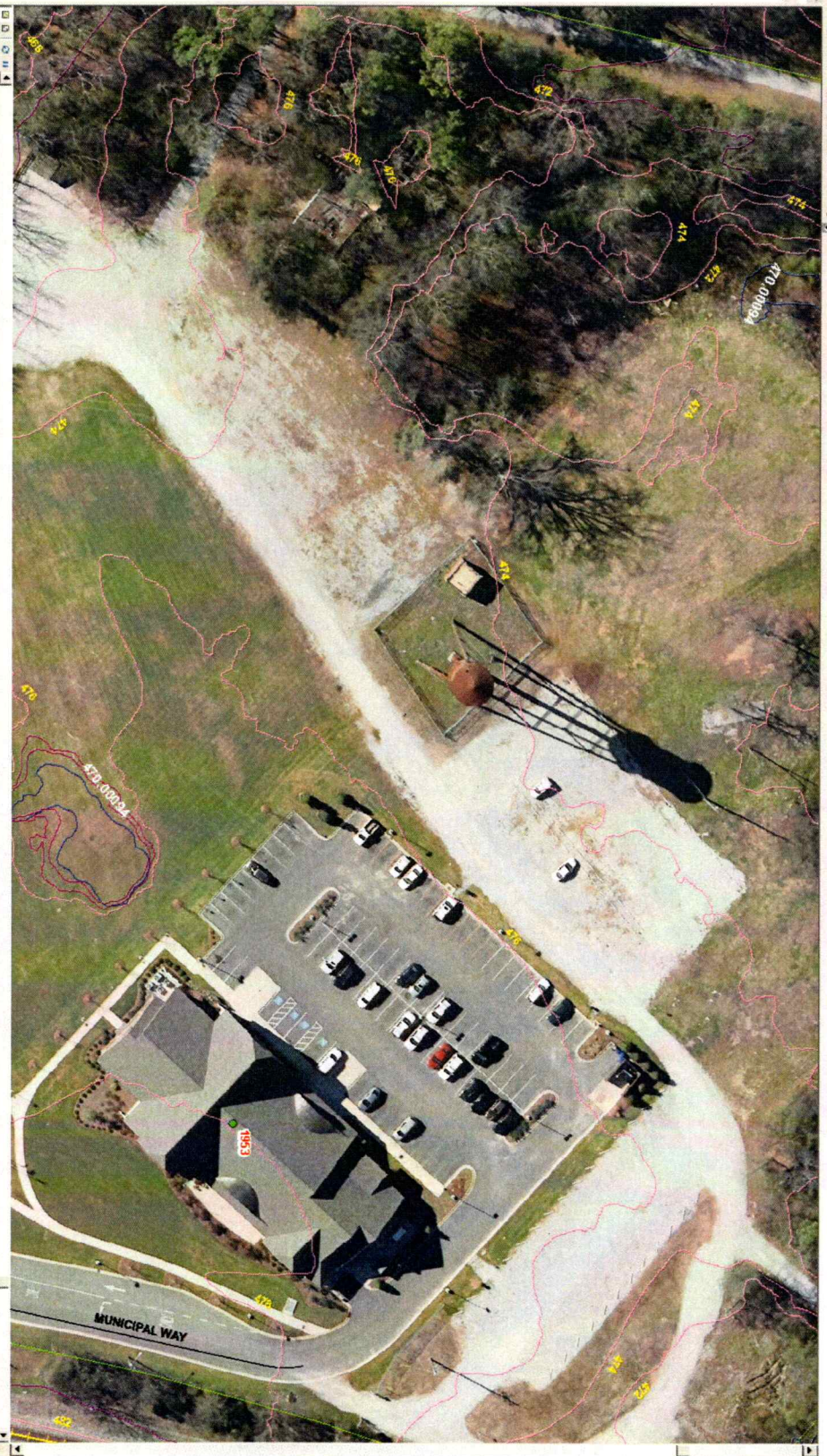


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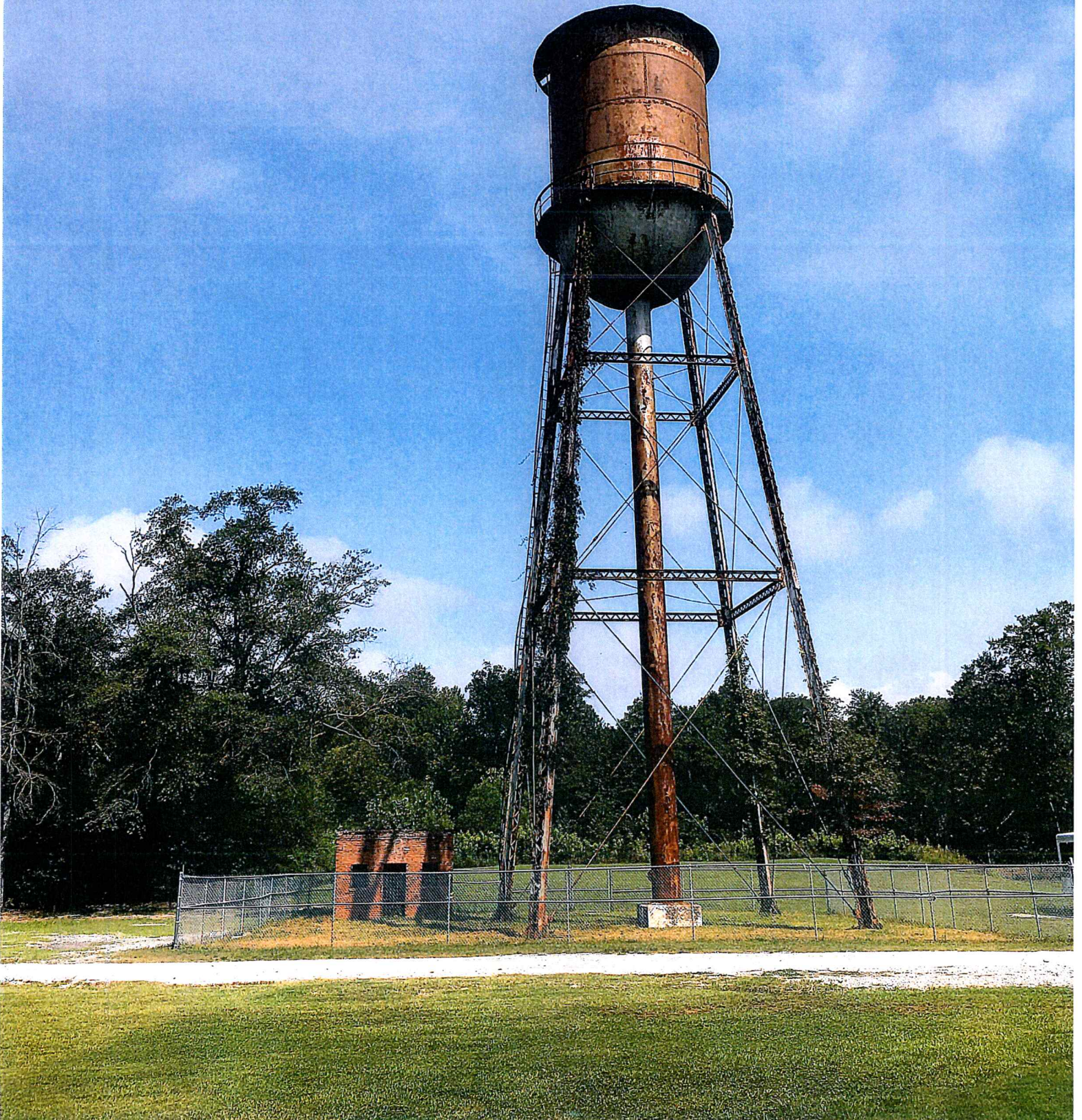


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  - ☐ Sewer
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  - ☐ Potholes
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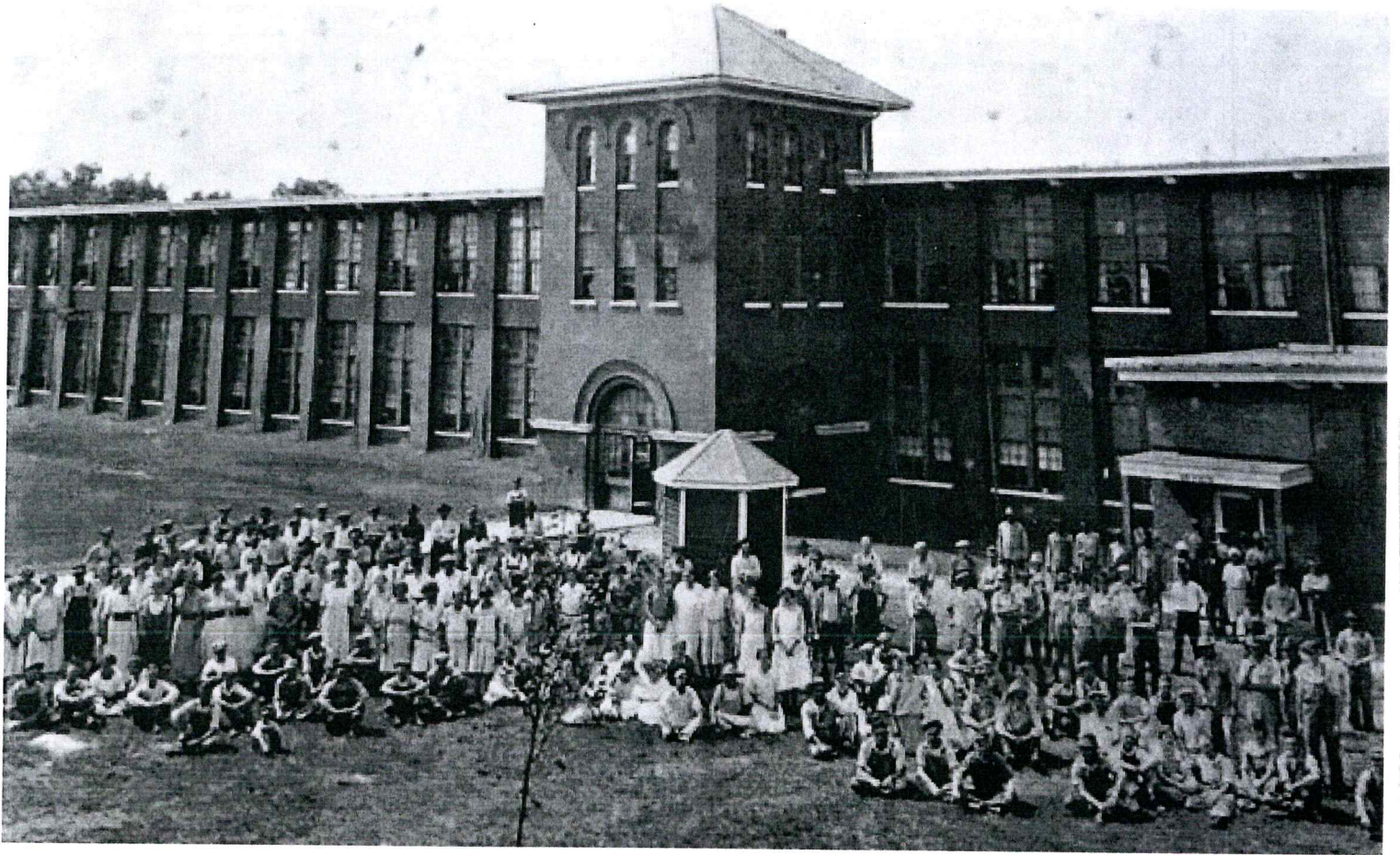




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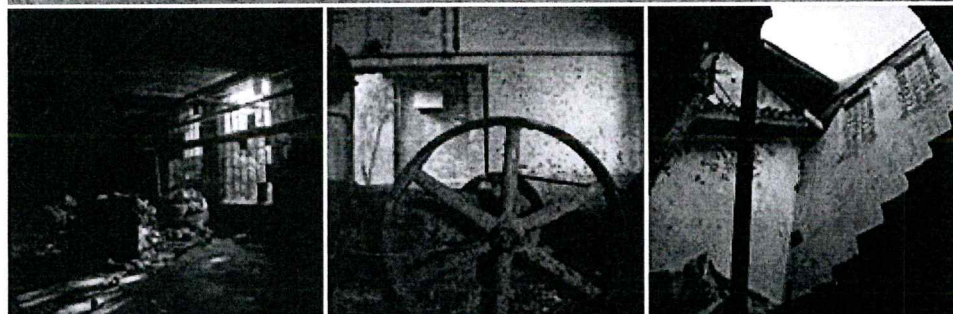




Workers at Siluria's Buck Creek Cotton Mill pose for group portrait circa 1917-1921. (Contributed)





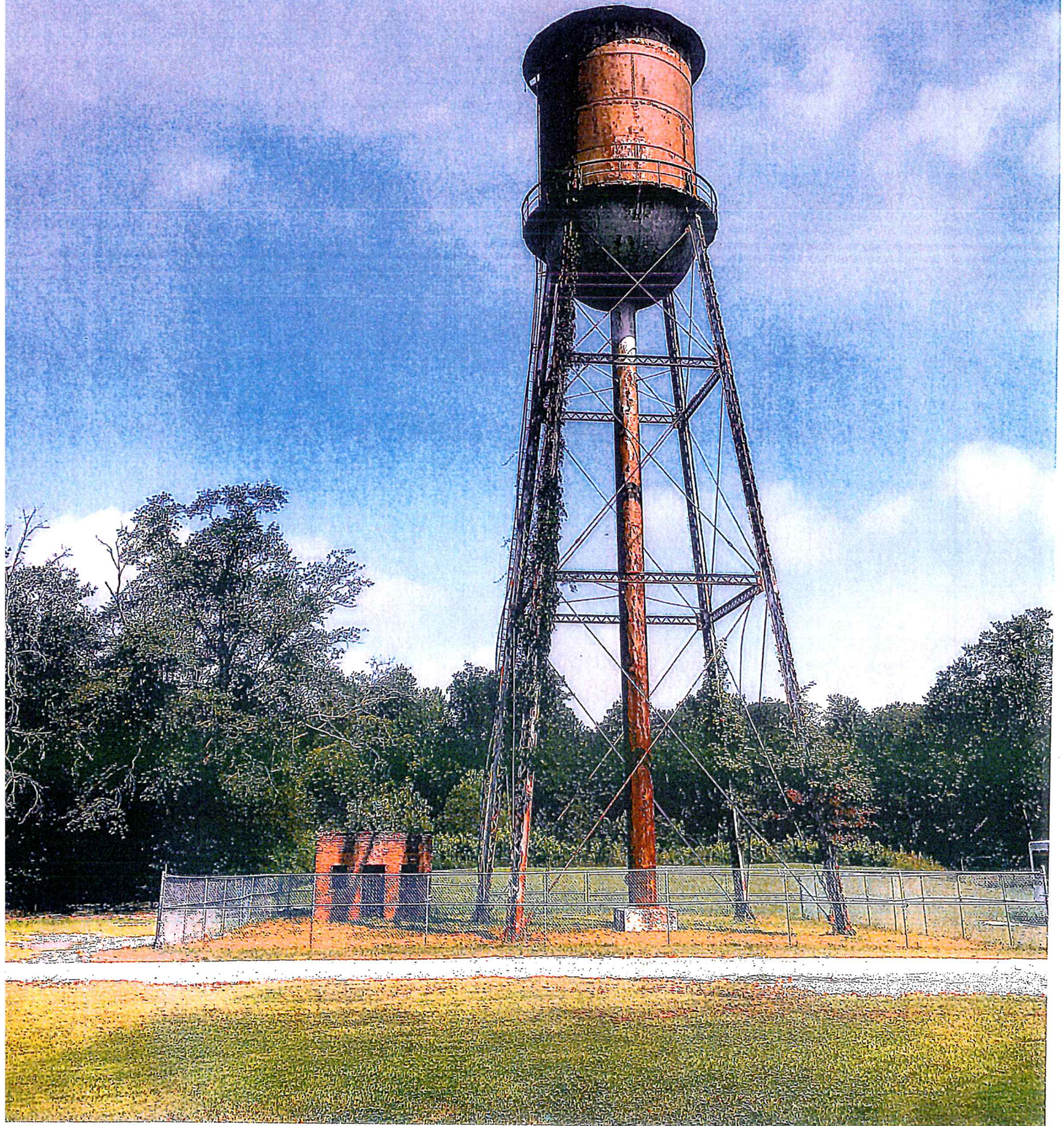








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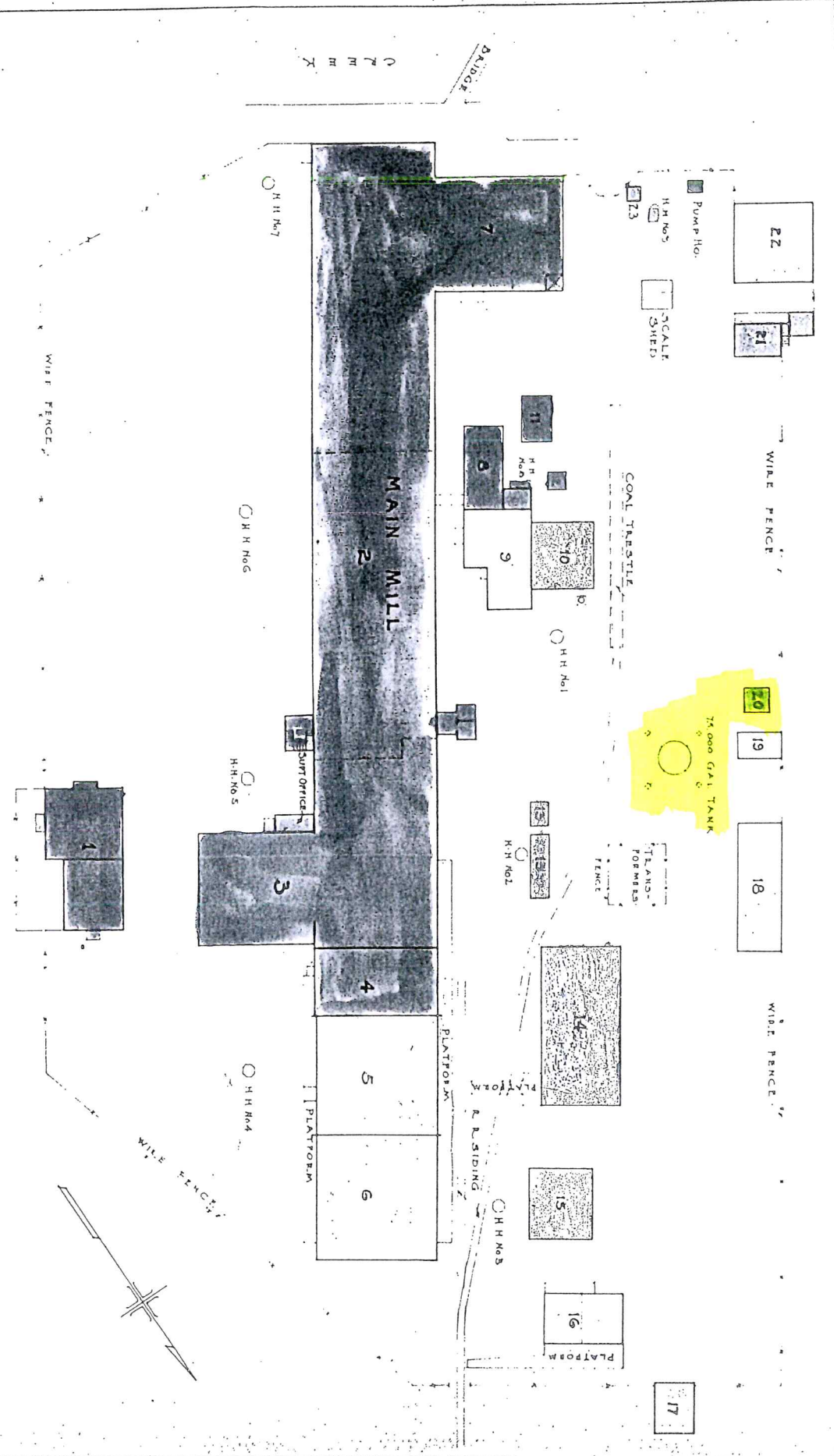
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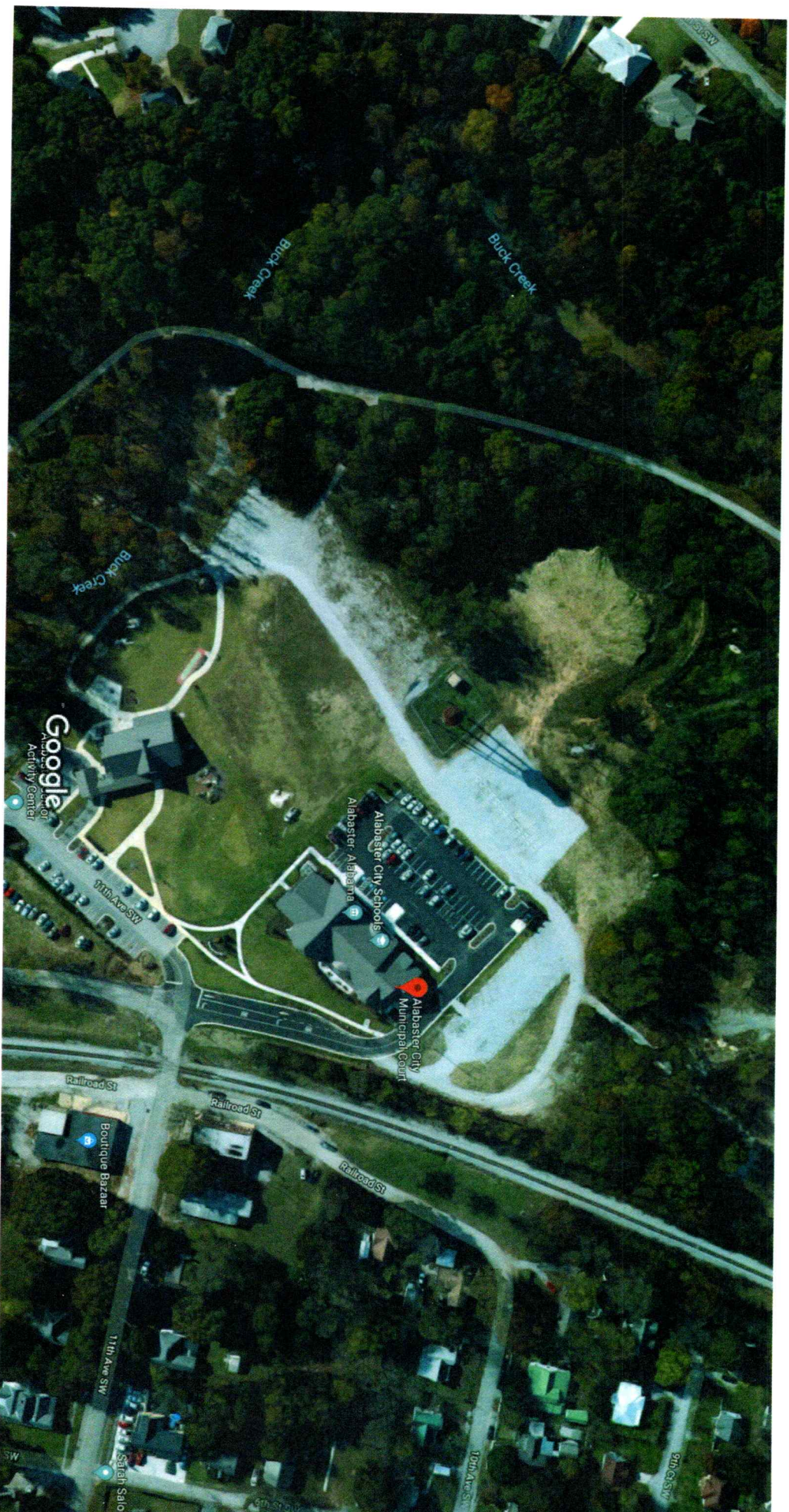


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Buck Creek Cotton Mills made a name for themselves not only in textile industry, but also sported the best Semi-Pro Baseball Team of the 1930's to the 1960's. The Buck Creek "Millers" took the team to the next level when owner, J.T. Phillips, hired a player manager, Henry "Moose" Parrish, whose main responsibility was to scout/recruit/hire baseball players by offering a "job" at the mill with the understanding that their primary duty was to practice and play baseball for the Buck Creek Mill. From the 1930's into the 1960's the team set unbelievable winning records. Several players went on to play for the Major League: Clay Bryant, Wilson (Dee) Miles, Luman Harris, Bobby Bragan, Handley (Jake) Daniel, Jimmy Bragan (coach), Rev. Guy Morton, Jr., and Jim (Peanut) Davenport. The most famous of the players was Jim Davenport. In 1958, Jim was the San Francisco Giants third baseman, named a National League All-Star, and enjoyed playing with the Giants in the World Series.

T.C. Thompson firmly believed in the value of education. Reported on October 22, 1912 at a stockholder's meeting, "We have kept the mill and village in good repair and have tried to improve our organization, which we believe we have done. Our village is in good shape at the present time, clean and healthful, and a good school with two teachers and from 50 to 60 scholars, all of which is necessary to improve efficiency of our help." By the spring and summer of 1921, a four classroom "high school" building and auditorium was constructed next to the existing five classroom elementary and junior high school building, thus becoming the second consolidated school in Shelby County Alabama at the start of the new school year. Mr. Thompson did not only believe in education, but generously invested his own personal funds and donated property to expand the educational services to his village. Appropriately, the school was named after him and the beginning of Thompson High School.

Even though it was a simple and safer time, law and order was established for the mill village. Mrs. T. C. Thompson provided for the safety and security of the village by maintaining a small jail located behind the main mill building. William Francis "Frank" Fallon was responsible for the daily operation of the jail. Mr. J.T. Phillips who owned the mill and village after the Thompsons', later filled the position with Chuck Harris. To answer the questions: what years



was the jail used and was it only for people living and working in the mill village, I can only make assumptions due to the lack of records. I know the jail was not surveyed in 1916, and Mrs. Thompson was connected to the plant through 1931, so the jail was constructed during that time frame. It was used for the people in the Siluria area which consisted of people working at the mill.

Today, though the mill no longer exists with only reminders as the old water tower and jail stand guard over the Alabaster Civic Complex, mill memories still live on and is not forgotten. Each year, the close-knit community of who's lives who were shaped by "the village" meet to swap stories, photos, and memories at the annual Buck Creek Mills Reunion put on by former employees, family and friends. Rene' Day speaking of her grandmother's (Nannie May Lightsey) recollection, recalls, "her time there was among the happiest of her life." The reunion takes place on the second Saturday in September.

The town, Alabaster, located adjacent to Siluria, was created in the early 1920's as the site for employee housing for the Alabaster Lime Company. The combination of undeveloped land, employment opportunities, and the location along Highway 31, the main road at the time between Birmingham and Montgomery, led to the rapid growth during the pioneering industrial days. While the landlocked town of Siluria peaked at the height of the cotton mill days, Alabaster kept flourishing. The two communities saw the advantage of combining and in 1971, Siluria voted to merge with Alabaster. Today, Alabaster is a sprawling suburban city from 427 residents in 1953 to 33,000 in 2017 making Alabaster the largest city in Shelby County. While it's growth has skyrocketed, it's commitment to the quality of life offered to its residents remain the same as its founding father, T.C. Thompson.

The establishment of the Siluria Cotton Mill on Buck Creek marked the beginning of the Siluria "mill village". Textile production began operation in 1896 with expansion being a constant factor to keep up with the growth of the company and community. The main section of the mill was built in 1903-1904, with the main office section in 1906, and the first addition to the main section of the mill building in 1911. As far as research goes, the water tower was installed in the very beginning with no alterations to the 75,000-gallon tank. In 1916, the surveyor noted the mill was fueled by coal, heat: steam, power: electricity, raw stock: cotton, product: sheetings and yarns, and supplies: 1,000-gallons per minute, taking water from well supplied by creek. The water tower survived the tornado of 1953 where the damage to the plant was so extensive that operation had to be suspended for a full year while repairs were made. At that time, more modern equipment was installed in some departments to make the mill more competitive.

It was the custom in those days for large manufacturers to develop a surrounding community for its workforce to attract and keep workers. Buck Creek Mills was no exception. Mr. Thompson endeavored to make his mill a "model" for mill villages. While conditions were harsh in the textile industry, it was the sense of community that sustained life in our mill village. It was the expressed desire of Mr. and Mrs. T.C. Thompson, and later Mr. J.T. Phillips, to provide for the whole life of its employees and those that lived in the village. In the course of decades, the approximately 305 acres of the Mill Village occupied the mill, stores, grocery store, hotel, ballpark, community center clubhouse, medical dispensary, doctor and dentist offices, churches, Band Hall, movie theater, and a school. By 1936, the village consisted of 120 operative cottages including homes of the mill executives. The company owned the houses while the employees rented them. The houses were of varying ages, having been built from 1904 to 1935. All houses had electric lights and water with a few having complete bathrooms while others had outhouses. Village streets at that time were not paved.

The sound of the whistle was the heartbeat of this small cotton mill village. It was powered by steam and its mournful sound could be heard for miles in all directions. The whistle at Siluria Mills would blow loud each morning Monday through Friday at 4:30 a.m. to wake up the employees on the first shift. It would sound a call to work at 5:45 a.m. and then blow at 6:00 a.m. sharp to start work. The whistle blew at 1:45 p.m. for the second shift's call to work and promptly at 2:00 p.m. to start the shift. The third shift was summoned at 9:45 p.m. and the 10:00 p.m. blast indicated that work should begin. That rhythmic cycle started all over the next morning. Weather permitting, most people would walk to work who lived in the mill village. The Mill was a place where the entire family could find work. The lack of child labor laws meant even the children could work to add to the family income.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson provided for their social life as well. There was both Girl Scout and Boy Scout Organizations and buildings for their use, a Community Park near Blue Spring, one of two

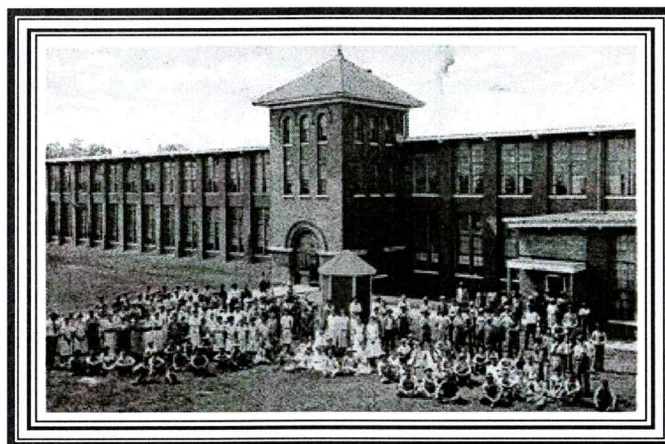


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# Siluria Cotton Mill Company

*By Bobby Joe Seales*



*"Beginning of Operation Dates Back to Year 1896"*

**Thomas Carlyle Thompson**, third child born of Jesse Sampson Thompson, 1825-1872, and Henrietta Collins, 1826-1903, was born in Oak Bowery, Chambers County Alabama on June 22, 1850. However, all early census records indicate that he was born in 1851. He died in Siluria, Shelby County Alabama on October 5, 1922 and is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in Birmingham, Jefferson County Alabama. He was a pioneer "master builder" in the southern textile industry.

Jesse S. Thompson and his family, *one of the city's pioneer families*, came to Birmingham, Jefferson County Alabama in 1871. He died July 5, 1872 and was the *first* interment in Oak Hill Cemetery in Birmingham, Alabama. His oldest child, Miss Cornelia A. Thompson, 1848-1935, was prior to the time of her death on February 11, 1935 "the only surviving charter member of the First Methodist Church" in Birmingham, Alabama. His oldest son, Burges Asbury Thompson, 1850-1922, was a former "pioneer mayor" of Birmingham, Alabama serving from 1888-1890. Another son, William H. Thompson, 1866-1913, played an important role in the first incorporation of Siluria Cotton Mill Company.



T.C. Thompson married Miss Julia N. Seaman in Jefferson County Alabama on October 11, 1883. They moved to Shelby County Alabama and in the early 1900's built a beautiful two-story home that resembled a small mansion on the West Side of Alabaster, known as **Blue Spring Farm**. Julia Nancy (Seaman) Thompson, 1866-1940, death record indicate that she died in Shelby County Alabama on October 24, 1940. A day remembered by many, *"Mrs. Thompson was cremated and her ashes were dropped from a low-flying airplane over the orchard on the farm, which was famous for its peaches."* However, Oak Hill Cemetery records indicate Mrs. Julia N. Thompson's date of interment was December 18, 1940, and her "cremated remains were placed in a brick vault grave." She was the daughter of George Edward Seaman and Sarah Frances Hudgins.

In 1896 Mr. Thomas C. Thompson organized and built on the banks of Buck Creek in Siluria, Shelby County Alabama a textile manufacturing plant and named it Selma Cotton Mill. This location was once the old muster ground where the "Shelby County Volunteers" for the Indian War was organized in 1836. Soon thereafter, a village to house employees was built and the manufacture of cotton fabric was begun. At that time it was said, *"They have every prospect of making the enterprise one of very great success, and its establishment marks a new era in the plan possibilities and fast-coming development of the county."*

Siluria Cotton Mill Company was originally incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware on November 17, 1902. The main section of the mill was built in 1903-1904, the office was built in 1906, and the first addition to the main section of the mill building was in 1911. It was re-incorporated in the State of Alabama under the same name on February 6, 1908. On April 6, 1911 the name was changed to Buck Creek Cotton Mills, at which time certain changes were made in the issues of outstanding capital stock with an increase from \$250,000 to \$600,000. As reported on October 22, 1912 at the stockholder's meeting, "We have kept the mill and village in good repair and have tried to improve our organization, which we believe we have done. Our village is in good shape at the present time, clean and healthful and we also have a good church and have this winter a good school with two teachers and from 50 to 60 scholars, all of which is necessary to improve the efficiency of our help."

In the spring and summer of 1921 a four-class room "high school" building and auditorium was constructed next to the existing five-class room elementary and junior high school building in Siluria, Shelby County Alabama. In the fall of that same year school started, thus, becoming the *second consolidated school in Shelby County Alabama*. Owing to the generous donation of property and personal funds from Thomas Carlyle Thompson, the school was named Thompson, which was the beginning of **Thompson High School**.

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If you have any information or can identify the newspaper and date the following article appeared, please contact **Bobby Joe Seales**. The caption that was below the newspaper photo of Buck Creek Baseball Team,



"Pictured above is the strong Buck Creek team of Siluria which has scored 67 victories to 6 defeats in play during the current season. Led by Dee Miles, Johnny Thomas and Herman Ware, a former Beaumont hurler, this squad has perhaps the best rounded pitching corps in amateur baseball. Both of the former slabsmen have rung up 19 wins to a duo of losses. Buck Creek is to meet Jacksonville Monday in one of two Labor Day contests in the state amateur championship tournament. Standing: Sonny Birchfield, utility; Chuck Harris, second base; Hilton Tubbs, shortstop; Fern Ward, left field; Jack Husley, utility. Kneeling: Nigger Yates, catcher; Russell Lowery, first base; Tobe Moore, third base; Red Amos, pitcher; Toots Brandon, catcher; Moose Parrish, manager. Sitting: Dee Miles, pitcher; Johnny Thomas, pitcher, Herman Ware, pitcher; Buddy Moore, mascot." (Henry Clay "Moose" Parrish was born January 28, 1902 and died March 3, 1975 in Clarke County Georgia. The 1930 Randolph County North Carolina census indicates his occupation was "Fielder, Ball Player" and he was living in the next household to Hilton L. "Toots" Brandon, "Pitcher, Ball Player". Toots died in 1973 in Caddo County Oklahoma. Charles Hulet "Chuck" Harris was born February 27, 1907, died April 9, 1986, and is buried in Elliottsville Cemetery in Shelby County Alabama. For many years he served as Chief of Police in Siluria.) )

The medical needs in the village for many years were provided by Dr. John Allen Hines, Sr., 1896-1959, and his faithful nurse, Miss Mollie Belle Vinzant, 1900-1987. In July 1951 Dr. Willie Elijah "Bill" Stinson, 1907-1971, arrived in Siluria and his faithful nurse for many years was Miss Evelyn Urmi, 1900-1997.

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After the death of Mr. T.C. Thompson on October 5, 1922 his family operated Buck Creek Cotton Mills. Mrs. T.C. Thompson served as President from October 12, 1922 until her resignation on October 5, 1931. On June 25, 1935 James Thomas Phillips was elected as a member of the Board of Directors to fill the vacancy "caused by the resignation of Frank Dominick." Mr. J.T. Phillips on February 8, 1937 was elected President and Treasurer of Buck Creek Cotton Mills and within that year had acquired the corporation, the operating facility, and all factory and village property.

On April 18, 1953 a tornado damaged the plant to the extent that operation had to be suspended for a full year while repairs were made. At this time, more modern equipment was installed in some departments to make the mill more competitive.

Siluria was incorporated on May 25, 1954 with a population of approximately 600. The first city leaders were (1) Mayor: Tollie Eugene Jones, 1906-1985. (2) Council: Burrell Brannon, Willie H. Brogden, 1904-1976, Dr. Willie Elijah "Bill" Stinson, 1907-1971, Bascom L. Vinzant, 1906-1987, and Cecil Brown Zuiderhoek, 1899-1987. (3) Town Clerk: Frances (Nabors) Duke Wilson, 1919-1996. (4) Chief of Police: Charles Hulet "Chuck" Harris, 1907-1986. The people of Siluria on April 27, 1971 voted to merge with Alabaster, the adjoining city.

Siluria was the birth place for Ann M. Steely, born July 6, 1923, and is where she lived her first seven years and attended the first grade at Thompson. After her father's death in 1935 in Dallas County Alabama she later moved with her mother and brother to Oklahoma and then in 1944 "*packed her bags to try her luck in Hollywood.*" Ann Steely changed her "acting name" to *Cathy O'Donnell* and made her screen debut in the Best Picture of 1946 in *The Best Years of Our Lives*. Her final film before retiring from the screen was another classic Hollywood's greatest, the Best Picture of 1959 and winner of eleven total Oscars, was *Ben-Hur*. Her parents were Harold Grady "Henry" Steely and Ora Lecher Steely. The April 3, 1930 Siluria Village, Shelby County, Alabama census indicates Harold G. Steely, age 37 years, born in Alabama, his parents born in Alabama, married at the age of 29 years, "School Teacher" and his wife, Ora L., age 24 years, born in Alabama, her parents born in Alabama, married at the age of 17 years, and their two children, all born in Alabama, (1) Ann M., daughter, age 6 years, and (2) Joe C., son, age 4 years 7 months. Living with them as "boarders" were two 21 year old single school teachers, Mary S. Burkette and Eva Johnson. In a May 2005 interview with Fred F. Phillips, who moved to Siluria in 1927, the Steely's "Mill Village House" was located next to the Community House. Some of their neighbors were Arnold C. Edwards, Homer Stanley, Alice Cofer, Berry Cofer, Riley Cofer, Samuel W. Huddleston, Lester Williams and James C. Goff. Mr. Steely was not only a school teacher at Thompson but also was the local theatre operator, located in the Community



House, in Siluria. Ann married Robert Wyler, brother of director William Wyler. Ann S. Wyler died April 11, 1970 in West Hollywood, Los Angeles County, California. Her husband, Robert Wyler, died January 16, 1971. They had no children. For more information about "Cathy O'Donnell" [click here](#).

In December 1959 J.W. Valentine Co., Inc. from New York purchased the operating facility, factory site, and all the village property. The name of the business was again changed and this time it became Siluria Mills, Inc.

The final name of the business was changed in January 1965 to Buck Creek Industries, Inc. and the village houses were sold to the employees. The operating facility and factory site was sold in 1968 to Reeves Brothers, Inc., a New York Stock Exchange, and in 1972 to Canton Textile Mills, Inc. from Canton, Georgia. Assets were liquidated in May 1979 and Buck Creek Industries, Inc. closed its doors permanently. *The Birmingham News*, page 58, dated Thursday, May 10, 1979, "A textile mill which was once the largest onsite employer in Shelby County is closing its doors this week ...."

The old *Buck Creek Mills Work Application Forms* which give information on many of the past employees are at The Shelby County Historical Society.

Peggy Nell (Peeples) Genry organized a committee and on September 24, 1988 the *first* annual "Buck Creek Cotton Mills Reunion" was held for all former employees and their families. It was annually held the second Saturday in September.

In 2003 the City of Alabaster purchased the 22 acre Buck Creek Cotton Mills site. In August 2007 the demolition of the buildings were started by Granger Grading of Alexander City, Alabama. At that time, the city's plans were to have all of the buildings taken down except for the old jail, the water tower and the office building. In January 2008 only these three structures remained standing. However, in early 2009 the office building was taken down due to structural damage caused when the attached portion of the mill was demolished.

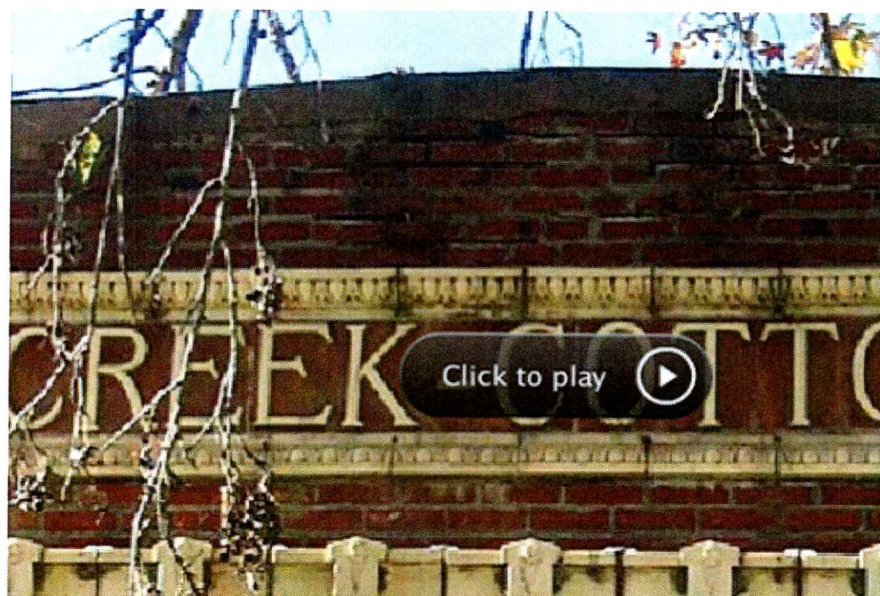
On September 19, 2010 the City of Alabaster held the grand-opening of the "new" Senior Center, built by the Montevallo-based Wayne Davis Construction Company, that is located on a portion of the site where the Buck Creek Cotton Mills once stood.

*If you have any further historical information or photographs concerning Buck Creek Cotton Mills or if you have further information or corrections on any of the people, dates, or events mentioned above please contact*  
**Bobby Joe Seales**.

Visit [Lord, How that Old Whistle Blew!](#) written by Rusty Kendrick.

*For description place cursor over each photograph*





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April 4, 2018

City of Alabaster  
Karen Fillingim  
1953 Municipal Way  
Alabaster, AL 35007

**RE: Buck Creek Water Tower & Jail, 1953 Municipal Way, Shelby County, Alabama**  
**Listed Date: March 29, 2018**

Dear Ms. Fillingim:

The Alabama Historical Commission is pleased to inform you that The Buck Creek Water Tower & Jail has been favorably reviewed and is now listed in the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage under Criteria A and C. A certificate indicating that the property has been added to the register will be mailed out shortly.

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The Alabama Historical Commission sponsors a historical marker and plaque program to recognize properties that contribute to the unique history of Alabama. Properties that have been listed in the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage are eligible to purchase a historical marker through this office. Please contact me if you are interested in purchasing a marker or plaque for this historic property. For additional information on the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register and other programs offered by the Alabama Historical Commission, please contact me or visit our website at [www.ahc.alabama.gov](http://www.ahc.alabama.gov)

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